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Ice. Sculpting

▶ Professional ice sculptor Pascal Hinni works on a dwarf during lunch hour on Stephen Avenue.

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Holiday spirit begins to take shape

The lunch-hour crowd in downtown Calgary was treated to an ice-sculpting demonstration yesterday, just one of many seasonally festive events being planned by the Downtown Calgary Association.

List of Canada's hotspots leaked

U.S. officials made note of crucial Canadian sites {page 5}

The next wave of civil servants

U of C's new master's program addresses demand {page 22}

Screw-up list includes Enmax CEO in fifth spot

Calgary firm's Gary Holden makes Forbes magazine's dubious list ◐ Former BP president Tony Hayward at No. 1 ◐ Hewlett-Packard's Mark Hurd at No. 2

KATIE TURNER
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Enmax's chief executive officer is under fire again after after being included on Forbes' top 10 CEO screw-ups list.

Forbes cites Holden's mass email to employees regarding his salary and treatment by the media as one of the reasons he made the list.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he cares less about what the readers of Forbes think and more about what Calgarians think.

"The citizens of Calgary have made it very clear that they want us to ask more questions," he said yesterday. "This is an issue that we're dealing with, that we will continue to deal with."

Nenshi did not comment on the impact Holden's list placement will have on the city's reputation.

"Let us hope that no one affiliated with the city makes that list in the future," he said.

An associate professor of business ethics at the Haskayne School of Business, Loren Falkenberg, said the list likely isn't well researched but could still have an impact.

"It should be a very strong signal to any CEO that something you think isn't a big deal can be made a big deal and go international within a day," she said. "I think it reinforces the need to become more accountable and transparent right from the start."

Calls made to Enmax were not returned.

Holden's track record

- Gary Holden sent out a five-page email to employees in November.
- "In the letter a paranoid-sounding Holden warned his employees not to leak material to the press. Which, of course, is exactly what they did," said the Forbes article.
- Holden earned about $2.7 million last year.

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Feed A Need hopes for help this season

- Lack of funds will see group lose storage warehouse at month's end
- Operational costs piling up

Sylvia Spencer moved to Calgary two years ago with just a duffle bag.

Local charity group Feed A Need fully furnished her home and she has been volunteering with the group ever since.

"Everybody helps everybody out, it's really great," she said.

Feed A Need was created by Calgarians Al Dhalla and Al Mohammed roughly four years and has largely been fuelled by Mohammed's $175,000 contribution since.

Now, that well has run dry and the group is in need of assistance, said executive director Wendy Walker.

"It needs an injection of cash," Walker said. "I am really thinking outside of the box to figure out how I can pull this thing together."

Walker said Feed A Need has begun to acquire support from local community groups pledging to host bottle drives and other fundraising events; however, things continue to look bleak.

"We're still going, but it's been hard," she said. ● JEREMY NOLAIS

Who they are

Feed A Need estimates they have put furniture in the homes of 6,500 Calgarians with the help of eight unpaid employees.

JEREMY NOLAIS/FOR METRO

▶ Feed A Need founders Al Dhalla, left, and Al Mohammed, right, with executive director Wendy Walker.

Louise Station to be reviewed

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he will be seeking answers to the possibility of lost money on the development of Louise Station.

Nenshi is questioning whether the land for the development — a mix of luxury condos, affordable housing, a fire hall and office space — was sold to the developers below market value.

"I'm going to be asking for two external experts; one in area of appraisal, one in the area of construction to help us go through the documents and understand what we're doing and then we'll determine next steps after that." ● KATIE TURNER

$10M The reported amount the city may have lost in the land sale for the downtown development.

METRO FILE

▶ Mayor Naheed Nenshi

News in brief

Search is on for wanted man

Public assistance is being sought by the Integrated Fugitive Apprehension Unit in finding a wanted man.

Farrell Francis Ear, 24, is wanted for assault with a weapon, uttering threats and possession of a weapon. Police believe he may be staying on the Stoney Nakoda Reserve. ● METRO

Man sought on 18 warrants

Police are looking for a man wanted on 18 domestic violence-related warrants.

Christopher Andrew Van Camp, 30, is believed to be in the Calgary area and is wanted by the Domestic Conflict Unit. He is described as Caucasian with brown hair and brown eyes and has an earring in his left eyebrow. ● METRO

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Ballistics part of gang strategy

Alberta will spend $1.2 million to help launch a broad plan to wipe out gang crime, mainly by starving it of new recruits, the provincial justice minister announced yesterday.

"This will be a blueprint for actions against gangs in Alberta," Alison Redford said at a news conference to unveil the Alberta Gang Reduction Strategy document.

"It's a comprehensive framework. It will form policy. It will support programs, and it will show both partners and government the way forward."

The document promises actions to meet 28 targets with the twin goals of breaking up entrenched gangs and stopping them from recruiting kids who are poor or susceptible to pursuing a life of crime.

"We can't arrest our way out of this problem. It's more complex than that," said Solicitor General Frank Oberle, who joined Redford along with Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson and Edmonton's acting deputy police chief.

The government announced it will give $450,000 to Calgary police to invest in the Integrated Ballistic Identification System, also known as IBIS.

IBIS makes it quicker and faster for police to trace bullets to guns.

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Danger to citizens

Among findings of gang research in Alberta:

- Gangs continue to grow in Alberta, with a corresponding increase in danger to citizens given that gang members tend to use guns to resolve minor disputes.
- Recent statistics show that a quarter of all gang-related homicides in Canada took place in Alberta, almost all of them in Edmonton or Calgary.

Real-time street plowing tracked

Online map to give Calgarians the live status of winter road conditions

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City officials presented a "cool tool" yesterday they believe will aid commuters trying to navigate their way through wintry conditions.

Residents can now head online and view Calgary's new interactive road conditions map, which will be constantly updated by snow-removal crews on the ground, said city roads spokesperson Sean Somers.

In the future, the map will also include updates on road accidents and lane closures, he said.

"The motivation for us behind this is really to empower citizens to make decisions in terms of how they get to work," Somers said.

"We are no longer relying totally on TV or radio updates anymore."

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Map

- The new road map is available at calgary.ca/roadconditions.
- Solid lines on route map indicate that area has been cleared; transparent lines designate it a work in progress.
- Foremen on the ground can update road conditions in real time.
- GPS locators outfitted to 25 per cent of plows, allowing users to track locations.

65 Users of the new road map can view 65 city-installed street cameras for signs of poor conditions and congestion.

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▶ Ron Singh, a lead developer with the city, shows off a new interactive road conditions map that aims to aid commuters.

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U.S. list of crucial Canadian sites leaked online

Extensive list attached to classified memo includes dozens of installations, from mines to nuclear plants

Canadian security experts say leaking a U.S. note about possible terror targets in Canada is like doing the extremists' homework for them.

The WikiLeaks publication of an American diplomatic cable listing Canadian bridges, pipelines, power plants and other sensitive places vital to the United States is a worrying development, said Liberal Senator Colin Kenny.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out some aspects of critical infrastructure. But there are other aspects you'd have to work at pretty hard, and you might not think about them," said Kenny, who long served as chair of the Senate committee on national security.

"So I'm starting to get concerned. If this is the tenor of leaks coming, then we have a problem on our hands."

In the classified message, the U.S. State Department asked its worldwide posts to help update a list of sites "which, if destroyed, disrupted or exploited, would likely have an immediate and deleterious effect on the United States."

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Vital sites

Some Canadian sites from the 2009 list of critical infrastructure sites outside the U.S. that Americans regard as vital:

- Hibernia Atlantic undersea cable landing, Halifax
- James Bay Power Project, Quebec
- Mica Dam, B.C.
- Pickering Nuclear Power Plant, Ontario
- Enbridge Pipeline Alliance Pipeline
- CPR Tunnel Rail Crossing, Ontario
- Chalk River Nuclear Facility, Ontario

Environment. Marine

▶ Minister of the Environment John Baird speaks with the media during a news conference in Ottawa yesterday.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound case against gas exploration

John Baird announced the government will set up a steering committee to determine the size of the protected area off the north coast of Baffin Island, taking the first step toward declaring the ecologically important Lancaster Sound an Arctic marine sanctuary. Declaring the region a marine sanctuary would ban oil and gas exploration and development, but the sound would still be used for shipping.

Ontario gets ready to rumble

Mixed martial arts promoters looking to stage fights in Ontario should start getting their bids in order.

The province announced yesterday it will begin accepting applications Jan. 1, noting just one major MMA event could attract up to 30,000 fans and generate up to $6 million in economic activity.

$20B The earning potential of MMA likely isn't lost on the province, which is running a deficit of almost $20 billion.

The province had a change of heart in August and announced it would allow mixed martial arts, starting in 2011.

Ontario's move in August came after successful UFC shows in Montreal and Vancouver, which both posted record sellouts for the MMA juggernaut. UFC 124, scheduled for Saturday in Montreal, is expected to draw 23,000 fans — a North American MMA record.

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FAMILY FEUD

L'Oreal heiresses end legal battle

France's richest woman and her daughter have resolved a protracted legal dispute over more than one billion euros ($1.3 billion) that swelled into a national scandal and raised questions about the future of the family fortune, lawyers said yesterday.

"There is no more case as far as we are concerned," lawyer Olivier Metzner said. L'Oreal cosmetics heiress Liliane Bettencourt, 88, and her daughter Francoise Bettencourt Meyers have reconciled, Metzner said, adding, "We are bringing an end to all procedures given this familial reunion."

▶ Francoise Bettencourt Meyers

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Continental ruled guilty in crash

Continental Airlines Inc. and one of its mechanics were convicted in a French court of manslaughter yesterday because debris from one of its planes caused the crash of an Air France Concorde jet that killed 113 people a decade ago.

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Japan, U.S. unite with S. Korea

In a show of unity, the U.S., Japan and South Korea said yesterday they would not resume nuclear negotiations with North Korea until it stops its "provocative and belligerent" behaviour and takes concrete steps to roll back its nuclear arms program.

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Montreal massacre sparks gun debate

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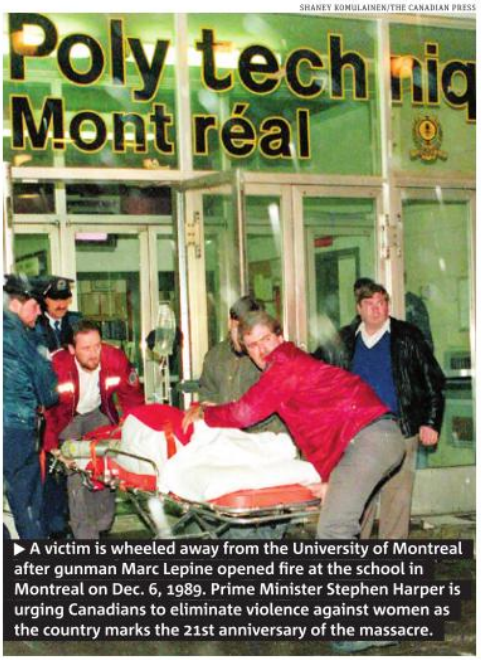

▶ A victim is wheeled away from the University of Montreal after gunman Marc Lepine opened fire at the school in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989. Prime Minister Stephen Harper is urging Canadians to eliminate violence against women as the country marks the 21st anniversary of the massacre.

Harper deplores 1989 massacre in statement, calling it 'heinous'

The 21st anniversary of the Montreal massacre reignited political combat over gun control yesterday.

The Harper government came under fire for last week's decision to delay — for the third time — regulations that police say are essential to quickly trace guns used in crimes.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the timing of the decision demonstrates the Conservatives' insensitivity to the national trauma caused by the 1989 tragedy, in which Marc Lepine gunned down 14 female engineering students at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique.

"They just don't understand how deeply wounding this massacre was to the psyche of Canadian women and Canadian men, moms and dads alike," Ignatieff said after taking part in a Parliament Hill ceremony honouring the victims. "The idea that young women could be singled out and systematically massacred for no other reason than that they were women ... has just marked Canada forever and the Conservatives simply don't understand what that did to us."

"It's the contribution that we can make to keep everybody safe, but especially our young women."
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The massacre prompted the Liberal government of the day to introduce strict new gun-control measures, including the controversial gun registry.

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▶ B.C.'s NDP Leader Carole James, seen here last week, resigned yesterday following weeks of internal dissent in her party.

B.C.'s NDP leader resigns after infighting

Carole James became party leader in 2003 She was a former president of the B.C. School Trustees Association

B.C. New Democrat Leader Carole James has resigned following weeks of internal dissent.

James called a hasty news conference yesterday morning and announced she will step down immediately as the Opposition leader, blaming infighting among her caucus.

Her voice cracking, James told reporters she was proud of the work the party has done under her leadership.

"I spent my entire life building things, not taking them apart," she said in Victoria. James said she worked to rebuild the caucus but "there are some individuals who want to continue the infighting.

Infighting

Resignations followed when former B.C. NDP MLA Bob Simpson was fired for criticizing James.

▶ **Dissident** In the following weeks, caucus whip Katrine Conroy and caucus chair Norman Macdonald resigned in protest.

"If I'm the one who's become the excuse for some folks ... then I'm removing myself."

The party cancelled an emergency caucus meeting planned Sunday to deal with the ongoing controversy over James's leadership.

Last week, the party's longest-serving MLA put the final nail in James's political coffin with a blistering public attack on her leadership.

MLA Jenny Kwan's call for an immediate leadership convention was only the latest in a string of dissent and criticism that saw one MLA turfed from caucus and several others publicly renounce James' leadership.

Kwan joined a group of dissidents who forced a showdown earlier with James and her supporters at the party's provincial council meeting. At that meeting, party members voted 84 per cent in favour of keeping James on as leader.

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Bishop in Brazil is honoured

A Roman Catholic Bishop whose life has been threatened for his defence of Brazil's indigenous people and his criticism of a major dam being built in the Amazon was recognized yesterday for his work.

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Sailor sold secret docs: warrant

A U.S. Navy sailor stationed at Fort Bragg passed classified documents to someone he thought was a foreign intelligence agent in exchange for cash, according to a federal search warrant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Skype for UN aid workers

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Google finally cracks open eBooks store

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Google Inc. is making the leap from digital librarian to merchant in a challenge to Amazon.com Inc. and its Kindle electronic reader.

The long-awaited Internet book store, which opened yesterday in the U.S., draws upon a portion of the 15 million printed books that Google has scanned into its computers during the past six years.

About 4,000 publishers, including CBS Corp.'s Simon & Schuster Inc., Random House Inc. and Pearson PLC's Penguin Group, are also allowing Google to carry many of their recently released books in the new store.

▶ Google's books website

Those publishing deals will ensure that most of the current bestsellers are among the three million e-books initially available in Google's store, said Amanda Edmonds, who oversaw the company's partnerships.

Millions more out-of-print titles will appear in Google's store, called eBooks, if the company can gain federal court approval of a proposed class-action settlement with U.S. publishers and authors.

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French. Trade

▶ President of the Republic of India Pratibha Patil, Dr Devisingh Shekkawat, from left, French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy and French President Nicolas Sarkozy at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, India.

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Sarkozy aims to ink India contracts

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is on a four-day working visit to India accompanied by defence, foreign and finance ministers and nearly 60 business leaders. He is expected to chase lucrative French-Indian trade contracts. He is also expected to seek support for his G20 agenda, on his first visit to a member state, after taking over the presidency of the G20 group.

Wal-Mart equity case threatened

The U.S. Supreme Court will consider throwing out a massive lawsuit that claims Wal-Mart pays women less than men and promotes women less frequently.

The justices stepped into a case yesterday that could involve 500,000 to 1.5 million women who work or once worked at Wal-Mart.

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Number of passengers up in air

Canada's two largest airlines have both reported an increase in passenger traffic in November compared with the same month last year, with WestJet seeing bigger gains than Air Canada.

Air Canada said yesterday that its passenger traffic increased by 7.5 per cent, while WestJet posted a traffic increase of 17.9 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR JEALOUSY

She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

This might sound strange, but sometimes I wish my boyfriend was a little more jealous. OK, make that jealous period.

Maybe I'm crazy, but if your significant other never acts like a green-eyed monster you start to wonder if maybe they wouldn't care if you took another lover on the side.

Jealousy is one of our most primal instincts and when it rears its ugly head, it's hard to ignore. Suspicion and distrust, completely irrational or otherwise, can drive a sizeable wedge between even the most compatible of couples.

But ignore the whole deadly sin thing for a second and consider the fact that jealousy, in the correct measure, might actually be a very important part of a relationship. It's not exactly healthy, but it can be reassuring. Nothing says I'm still passionate about our romance like an emotional outburst over a mysterious text message, right?

"Nothing says I'm still passionate about our romance like an emotional outburst over a mysterious text message, right?"

As you might have guessed, I have, on occasion, been a little bit of a green-eyed girl. I promise I'm not one of those *I'm going to hack into your Facebook account in a suspicious rage* types. I specialize in passive-aggressive displays such as the always popular, *I'll sit here brooding for the better part of an hour because you gave our waitress in a low-cut shirt a lingering stare* routine.

Of course, all of these instances of petty pouting have a lot more to do with my own insecurities than any philandering behaviour on his part.

Being one of the most naturally confident people in the world, my significant other never feels threatened. He thinks of jealousy as a pointless exercise in time wasting. And while he's probably right, I still find it irritating.

Recently we were out at a bar with friends and I found myself cornered by a particularly slick-talking guy while my boyfriend was in the washroom. When he returned he didn't approach the situation with an assertive "She's with me buddy" speech. Instead, he stood at a distance and laughed as I awkwardly tried to escape the flirtatious advances of Mr. Too Much Hair Gel.

How wonderful it is to find someone so trusting and good humoured, right? Yes I suppose I should be glad that I haven't partnered up with an overly possessive caveman. But come on; is it so backwards of me to crave a little bit of protective chest-puffing once in a while?

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Hearts get out of ice age

Worth mentioning

MEDICAL. Andrea Ybarra belongs to a small group of people who have had a "beating heart" transplant, an experimental operation where the donor heart is placed into a special box that feeds it blood and keeps it warm and ticking outside the body.

Despite advances in heart transplantation, the way hearts are moved around remains low-tech — organ recovery specialists stuff an off-the-shelf picnic cooler with ice and jet off at odd hours to a donor hospital where a heart from a brain-dead patient awaits. They inject a chemical to stop the organ and preserve it in the ice chest for the trip home.

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Beating heart transplant

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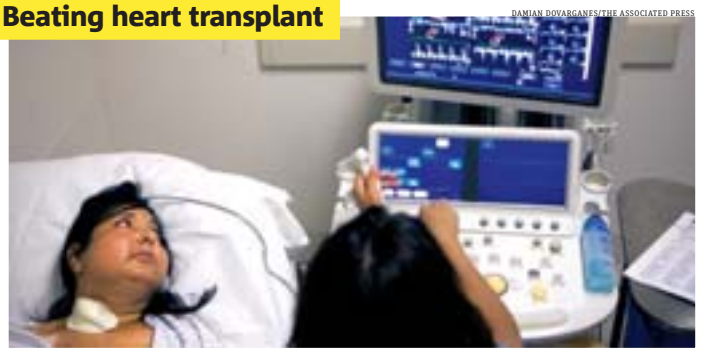

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Metro Minute at a benefit concert

Holiday-themed music will fill Cardel Theatre in support of a good cause this evening, as local pop recording artists Boy&GurL present The 3rd Annual Rock The Kettle Benefit Concert For The Salvation Army.

Fellow artists Jasmine Whenham and Alanna Clarke are also scheduled to perform during the all-ages event, which gets underway at 7 p.m.

A raffle and silent auction will also be held and door prizes will be handed out to a few lucky attendees. Tickets are $15 in advance or $18 at the door. For information, email info@boyandgurl.com.

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Scene in brief

Spike TV says Neil Patrick Harris will host this year's Video Game Awards. The star of stage, video games and TV's How I Met Your Mother, Harris will preside over the eighth annual celebration of gaming's best, Spike TV announced yesterday. Also expected are comedian Dane Cook, Thor: God of Thunder video-game star Chris Hemsworth, pro skateboarder Tony Hawk, and cast members from It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia, including Danny Devito, Kaitlin Olson and Rob McElhenney.
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Beverly Hills auction of Cash keepsakes nets over $700,000, including $50,000 for prison suit

Gosselin clan visit the Palins in Alaska

TLC reality show stars get together for a family camping trip in the former governor's home state Can the pampered single mom Kate keep up with the outdoorsy Palins?

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▶ Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, left, shakes hands with Gosselin twins, Cara, right, and Mady, as their mother Kate Gosselin looks on as the Palins and the Gosselins go on a camping trip in Coffee Creek, Alaska, during a taping of Sarah Palin's Alaska.

Kate Gosselin is not a happy camper.

On this week's edition of Sarah Palin's Alaska, she and her brood make a much-anticipated guest appearance. But don't expect it to reveal her inner Daniel Boone.

"How would you like to go camping with Kate and her eight kids — that TV show you watch?" Sarah Palin asks her daughter, Piper, at the start of the episode.

Piper squeals with delight at the idea of hanging with these stars of another TLC series.

As things develop, the camping trip in the Alaskan wilds will be no day at the beach for Kate. But it makes for a hilarious hour of Palin's show, which airs on TLC Sunday.

Read no further if you don't want spoiler details of Kate's stab at roughing it.

For a few fleeting moments, it seems she will savour her visit with the Palin family. She instantly bonds with Sarah, as they compare notes on the predatory nature of the media.

"There's not a whole lot of people that I run into that can understand the scrutiny (by) the media and beyond," says Kate, whose crumbling marriage to Jon was documented on Jon & Kate Plus 8 while it spurred a feeding frenzy from the tabloid press.

Now, single mom Kate and her kids just happened to be in Alaska taping one of her Kate Plus 8 specials, which occasioned their guest spot with the Palins.

The first stop: Sarah takes Kate to a bear safety class to prepare her for their camping expedition.

On the road from Wasilla to the class in Anchorage, Sarah sort-of jokes that, in case of a bear attack, "You need a partner with you who's slower than you."

"Oh, my gosh!" replies Kate, who already was spooked by the bear rug in the Palins' home. "Sacrifice your friends?"

At the rifle range, she looks more miserable than she used to look with Jon.

And that's only the beginning.

The day of the camping trip, it's — wouldn't you know? — pouring rain.

Out in the middle of nowhere by a stream and surrounded by mountains, Sarah is smiling, chipper and (literally) loaded for bear.

"Rain or shine, Alaskans still camp. We still find a way to have fun," she chirps.

Then Kate and her kids land at the campsite. Quickly, Kate proves to be a bigger pill than a horse tranquilizer.

"I'm not worrying about bears right now," she is soon grousing. "I'm just worried about keeping my toes wiggling 'cause they're freezing."

Sarah, daughters Piper and Willow, husband Todd and other family members seem to be having a blast. So, for that matter, are Kate's youngsters.

"The kids are having fun, so I'm tolerating it, but this is my new home," grumbles Kate, having sullenly planted herself, apart from the rest, beneath a tarp. "I am miserable, but, I mean, somebody's got to be."

Sarah, ever gung-ho, announces to the group, "This is the most luxurious camping spot I've ever seen!"

Cut to Kate, who tells the camera, "It just kills me that people, like, willingly do this." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Eclipse hits its target

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse
Genre: Fantasy/Romance
Director: David Slade
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
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Twilight is still at the kissing stage, and a bad case of "bite-us interruptus" is starting to take hold.

As with most third installments of a franchise, Eclipse suffers from an excess of characters and dialogue and a surfeit of real plot changes, even with Hard Candy's sharp-eyed David Slade at the helm.

Much of the ludicrously florid dialogue ("I'm going to fight for you until your heart stops beating … and maybe beyond") causes unintentional fits of laughter.

But you can't really blame Slade or the movie for staying true to the book — fans demand it — and Stephanie Meyer's overripe novel is more of a wheel-spinner than a page-turner. This latest screen adaptation should satisfy the rabid faithful even while leaving viewers not born female in the 1990s more mystified than ever.

Moody Bella (Kristen Stewart) is still dithering over whether she loves her brooding vampire beau Edward (Robert Pattinson) or her jealous werewolf suitor Jacob (Taylor Lautner). She's causing both the terminally square Edward and the shirtless Jacob to go more than a little squirrelly. ● PETER HOWELL

Inception
Genre: Action/Thriller
Director: Christopher Nolan
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt
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Even after several viewings — one just won't do — Inception remains the year's brainiest thriller, if only for that maddening ending. Does the spinning top stop, or not?

Writer/director Christopher Nolan changed the way people thought about superhero movies with his cerebral blockbuster The Dark Knight. With Inception, he has boldly reinvented the heist picture, once again rattling the cranium in the process.

Leonardo DiCaprio cuts a rakish figure as Dom Cobb, a corporate spy who functions like the Freddy Krueger of the boardroom: he enters the dreams of industry captains and steals their most valuable secrets. Now he's tasked with his riskiest assignment of all: reversing the procedure, so he deliberately plants an idea in someone's head.

Cobb's talents are eagerly sought, but they have taken a personal toll tinged with intimations of tragedy. He's chased by memories of his wife, Mal (Marion Cotillard), the mother of his two young children, whose status in his dream life is as uncertain as her corporeal existence is in the real world.

It's one of the best movies of 2010.
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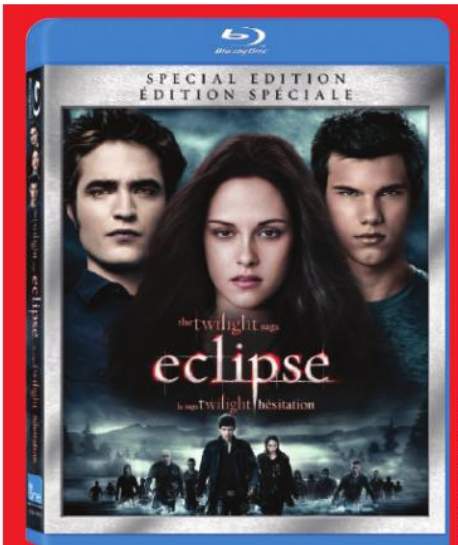

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No, tell us what you really think

Chelsea Handler lets loose on Angelina Jolie
Apparently, she's not the only one

For Chelsea Handler, being pals with Jennifer Aniston apparently means going after Angelina Jolie, as the talk-show host unleashed a tirade about Jolie at a recent stand-up show in Newark, N.J., according to Popeater.

"She's a home wrecker, she is," Handler told the audience. "She can rescue as many babies from as many countries as she wants to."

And apparently Handler isn't alone in her feeling.

"Everyone in Hollywood is scared to say what they really think about Angelina except Chelsea," a source says. METRO

▶ Angelina: Just a home wrecker?

Talking points

Mueller avoids temptation

While she denies a story that she went to rehab over Thanksgiving, Charlie Sheen's soon-to-be ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, has reportedly checked into a sober-living facility recently because she was "starting to feel tempted," according to Us Weekly. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Russell Crowe [@russell crowe] A few days of deep thought, Tenny decided his horses name should be Harry Potter. Explained again that she was a girl. He's still thinking...

Slash [@Slash] "I can hold my breath for a Long, long time! Hahahah!" Leslie Nielson RIP.

Josh Groban [@joshgroban] I found some chapstick in my peacoat!! Fun fact? Or new lyric? YOU decide!

Neil Diamond [@Neil Diamond] Happy Hanukah Y'all! Love, Neil

Miley may sue over pics

Miley Cyrus is reportedly considering legal action against Canadian blogger Zack Taylor after he posted a risque cellphone photo purported to be the 18-year-old Disney star wearing next to nothing, according to Popcrunch. Taylor later admitted the photo was fake, as the woman pictured was actually a British model. Cyrus' reps reportedly maintained it wasn't her because Cyrus' tattoo under her left breast was not visible. METRO

▶ Miley Cyrus

Cox still has her Friends

▶ Courtney Cox

Courteney Cox can still count on "Friends" co-star Jennifer Aniston to be a friend, according to Exposay.

"Jennifer has been so wonderful. You need good friends to keep your spirits up," Cox says. As for her relationship with estranged husband David Arquette, Cox is incredibly candid about not knowing what will happen next.

"It's too early to say if we will get back together," she says. "We've always tried to be very open with each other. That spirit has never left us, even though things became difficult in the last year." METRO

'Sombre' Longoria has night out

Weeks after filing for divorce from husband Tony Parker, Eva Longoria put on a brave face during a night out with friends at the Chateau Marmont recently, according to Us Weekly.

"She had a grin on her face, but every so often she would stare off into space and looked very sad and sombre," a source says.

Longoria, who was dressed in head-to-toe black, "wasn't her feisty little self," the source adds. "Eva was smiling and even laughing at times, but it was so apparent that underneath it all she was sad and hurt. It was very obvious." METRO

Britney takes a break in Mexico

To help get her mind off all the recent tabloid headaches she's been having, Britney Spears' boyfriend, Jason Trawick, flew the singer down to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, for a romantic weekend, according to People magazine. "When they landed, she got to the [private] villa and was blown away," a source says. "Jason had arranged a red velvet cake for her birthday." METRO

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Wash your hands

Flu germs can linger on poles and handles in public transit. You've heard this a zillion times, but it's worth a reminder: "Hand washing as frequently as possible is one of the most effective ways to decrease the spread," says Dr. Marc Ouellette, scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity and a professor at Laval University in Quebec City.

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At the start of flu season, U.S. Centre for Disease Control estimates one in three has had flu shot

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▶ It's easy to pick up flu germs at work. Try to keep common areas and work spaces as clean as possible.

Beware the bug

It's shaping up to be a pretty light year for the flu, but things can still turn bad quickly ◆ Experts recommend getting the shot regardless

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The chances of getting H1N1 this year are very low.

And — rejoice! — it looks like it's going to be a fairly light year for the seasonal flu, too.

"This is very good news," says Dr. Marc Ouellette, scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity and a professor at Laval University in Quebec City. "It is nothing compared to last year. It's a rest for us."

Surveillance data from countries that have already had their flu season tells scientists that the strains circulating this year are common seasonal strains.

Only one case of H1N1 has been reported so far this flu season, the tail end of last year's pandemic, says Dr. Ouellette.

He warns, however, that we should never get complacent.

"Influenza every year can be deadly. It's serious," Dr. Ouellette said.

Regular seasonal flu can kill but usually at the extremes of the population — among the very young and the very old, as well as those with depressed immune systems. Public health officials are keeping an eye on a fatal outbreak of flu on a reserve in northern Manitoba.

"Influenza every year can be deadly. It's serious."
DR. MARC OUELLETTE, A PROFESSOR AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY IN QUEBEC CITY

The best defence is getting the flu shot, says Dr. Ouellette, who receives the vaccine himself every year. It's not too late for this year, though it does take from two weeks to a month to give your body full protection.

"There is scientific proof that the vaccines are safe and protect you against getting the disease yourself and also infecting other people," he says.

Last year, results of a study showed that vaccinating young school children decreased the rate of infection from flu for the whole community, including parents and grandparents.

Who is at risk?

These groups could be badly affected by the flu:

- Children under two
- Adults over 65
- Pregnant women
- People with chronic diseases such as asthma, heart failure and chronic lung disease
- People with low immune systems
- People under 19 who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

"Unfortunately," says Dr. Ouellette, "when these people get the vaccine, it is not as efficient because their immune systems are not as active."

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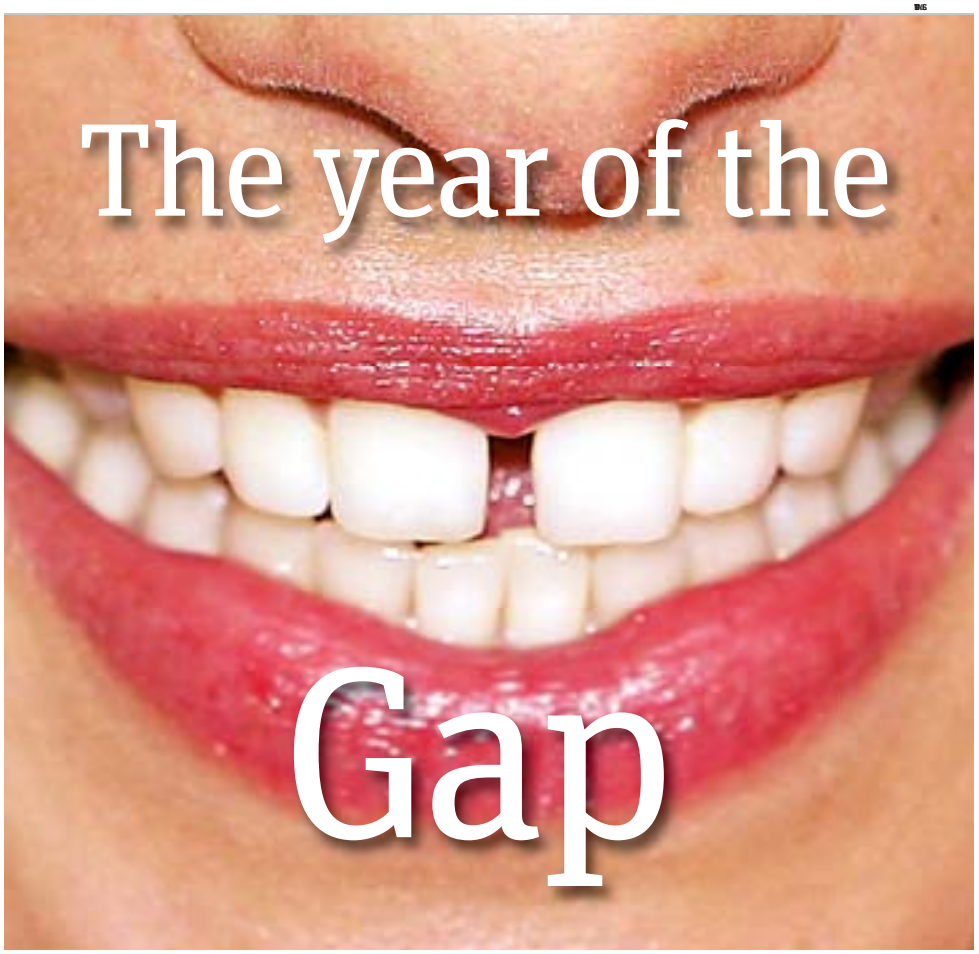

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

In the past, gapped front teeth were considered geeky, nerdy and kind of awkward. However todays trends brand them as "perfect imperfections" – the latest beauty must have. In France they are called the "dents du Bonheur" ("teeth of luck") and over in Nigeria, some consider them to be a sign of a strong sexual nature.

Would you be willing to surgically get a gap?

Mouthy muses

For many, the memory of years spent with heavy metal braces remains vivid, and painful: Teeth clanging together during a first kiss, the excruciating pain of re-tightening. But others left theirs uncorrected, and are intriguing because of it. Think of Madonna, models Georgia May Jagger and Lara Stone, True Blood star Anna Paquin and Chanel muse Vanessa Paradis. They represent the modern gap-mouthed beauty – and a minority. Less than 10 per cent of people are naturally gap-toothed.)

10%
Fewer than 10 per cent of the world's population is naturally gapped toothed.

"It's a trend towards individuality," says dental surgeon Debra Glassman. "The idea that a gap-toothed woman is more sexy holds weight when you think of those showing them off today."

"Front teeth gaps and teeth imperfections in general have become a big new trend in dentistry
DR SMIGEL, DDS

The natural smile

Cosmetic surgeon Dr. Irwin Smigel claims people are coming to him to make their smiles look more natural. "Natural-looking teeth have gradations in tone, tiny imperfections in shape, and can even vary by skin tone," he says.

"Perfect teeth look like you're trying too try hard and a gap will invariably imply that the smile is natural."

The question is, how far will you go to get the look?

Glassman's clients are prepared to pay on average $1,200 to have a permanent gap cosmetically created. Once she and a patient have settled on the size of the space, she removes the tooth area on either side to be "gapped," making a mold of those teeth that were altered. The mold will be used to create fingernail-thin porcelain coverings for the teeth on either side of the gap.

Such as with most procedures there are drawbacks, such as increased sensitivity caused by reducing the adjacent teeth and weakened bone support when the gap is created via orthodontic braces. But that hasn't stopped the vain clients willing to do this. In Smigel's opinion, "gaps look great, it's just a question of whether or not the person can pull it off."

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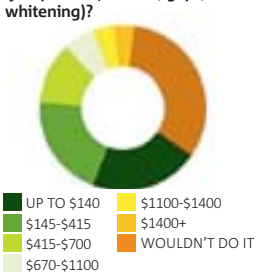
25%
Of Metro readers would go to a cosmetic dentist to have a gap filled between their front teeth.

40%

What is the maximum you would pay to have your teeth cosmetically improved (veneers, gaps, whitening)?



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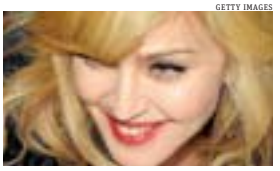

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Wine for your festive feast

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While Christmas may still be a few weeks away, when it comes to buying wine for your holiday feast it's never too early to talk turkey.

You might think that with all the sweet, sharp and herbaceous side dishes that typically tag along with a classic roast turkey dinner, finding an appropriate wine match would be a challenge. The good news is that the big bird is surprisingly forgiving when it comes to a liquid partner.

If you like a touch of green apple sweetness pick a bottle of German or Australian riesling. For something that swings to the drier side choose a gooseberry-infused sauvignon blanc from New Zealand or France's Bordeaux region.

I'm a chardonnay kind of guy at heart so a lightly oaked and tantalizingly tropical New Worlder like Concha y Toro's 2008 Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay ($17.95 — $24.99) from Chile is one of my go-to holiday favourites.

If red is more your style, think a fruit-infused pinot noir from New Zealand or California, a cherry-berry Italian Chianti Classico or, for something completely different, an Argentinean made from malbec.

Next week I'll ham it up with holiday wine picks for the other red meat.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Fit for a president

The White House chef shares his holiday gingerbread recipe

To celebrate the holidays at the White House, pastry chef Bill Yosses created a 160-kilogram replica of the White House made of gingerbread. But after a month on display, no one gets to eat those slabs of chocolate-covered gingerbread. Here is Yosses' recipe for gingerbread you can actually eat.

White House Gingerbread Cookies

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) butter (2 sticks), softened
- 500 ml (2 cups) packed dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) molasses
- 1.75 l (7 cups) all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling out dough
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Zest of 1 orange

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together butter and brown sugar for 5 minutes. One at a time, add eggs, then molasses. Set aside.

2. Into a medium bowl, sift together flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

3. With mixer on low, add a third of the dry ingredients to butter-sugar mixture. Beat until just mixed in, then stop mixer and scrape down sides of bowl. Repeat this process with remaining thirds of the dry ingredients.

4. Add both zests and mix. Transfer dough to a sheet of plastic wrap, spreading dough until 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick. Cover with another sheet of plastic wrap, then refrigerate overnight.

5. When ready to bake, heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Remove dough from refrigerator. Break off a small piece of dough and roll it out on a floured surface to between 3 mm (1/8 inch) and 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Add flour while rolling to prevent sticking.

6. Use a cookie cutter to cut out cookies. Repeat with remaining dough. Arrange cookies on a baking sheet, leaving about 2.5 cm (1 inch) all around. Bake for 12 minutes. Once baked, transfer to a wire rack. When cooled, decorate as desired. Makes 50 cookies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Cookies from the White House include a replica of Bo, the presidential dog.

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FURRY COMPROMISES

Smug Marrieds

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I've been a cat person all my life. My fiancé is a dog person. How is our relationship going to survive?

Angela says...
Live on the wild side and get one of each! Just imagine: Fluffy and Rocky cuddling next to you and your spouse on the couch in front of the fire.

But if that's not an option (or an adventure you're willing to embark upon), choose one breed of either species that suits both your needs.

Cat lovers tend to like their feline friends for their size, temperament and cleanliness (i.e. litter box instead of poop and scoop).

Dogs tend to get a bad rap as being stinky, jumpy and loud. But there are plenty of dog breeds that are "cat-like" and, on the flip side, there are some cats that think they're dogs — we have one of those! Best thing to do is check out cats and dogs together to see if you both agree on one — after all, it's the personality of the animal you'll end up falling in love with, not necessarily the species.

Derek says...
Clearly there was some sort of glitch in the eHarmony algorithm when it paired you up with your match. Cat and dog people mix like oil and water. But prepare yourselves for countless "this is why dogs/cats are better" conversations in the coming years.

My advice? Draw up a pre-nup outlining litter box cleanup duties for all parties to sign (I know I wish I had). It could mean the difference between marital bliss and a lifetime of resentment and sorrow. And if you've never owned a dog before, they can really cramp the style of young urban elites who enjoy soaking up a city's culture and nightlife; they need constant attention and deserve to be outdoors as much as possible. To be fair to the animal, you need to be home every morning and evening, and take them with you on weekends. Why not save it for when you bring kids into the mix? You'll be home much of that time anyway.

UNIVERSITY FRIEND BECOMES LIFE'S LOVE

Names: Rubi, 22, and Sutharsan, 26

Hometown: Mississauga & Vaughan

Together since: April 2010

Their story:

▶ Rubi and Sutharsan

How We Met: Rubi & Sutharsan

"When I (Rubi) decided to go away to school to Brock University five years ago, I didn't realize then that the friendships I was making were meant to last a lifetime...

I met Sutharsan at university and we became friends. But it wasn't until last year that we really hit it off. We'd both moved back to the Toronto area to work, and I ended up at a job close to where he lived. We got together to reminisce about the good old times, but it soon turned into a much stronger bond. He quickly became my best friend.

We both now believe in fate and we see that it is relationships based on friendship that are the strongest. Through our highs and lows, we've learned that a battle is easier fought with two hearts as opposed to one stubborn mind!

We're going seven months strong and we're looking forward to forever with each other. With our hearts in the clouds and our minds set on keeping each other happy, we're excited about everything and anything the world has to offer us!"

love

Hedgehogs are slowly making their way into homes as pets

There may be countless pint-sized fans of Mrs. Tiggy-winkle, Mr. Pricklepants and Sonic — but that doesn't mean there are many real hedgehogs in the home.

Fewer than 150,000 live hedgehogs are estimated to live in the United States, despite their well-known roles in the Beatrix Potter books, Disney-Pixar movies and Sega video games.

The animals weigh about 500 grams and are insectivores (not rodents). They prefer night to day — running six-and-a-half to 11 kilometres a night on their wheels — and have a strong sense of smell, with a life span of four to six years.

"They don't bark, meow or screech. They make 20 different sounds. The only time they make a whole lot of racket is when the males are courting the females," said Zug G. Standing Bear, treasurer of the Colorado-based International Hedgehog Association.

But that doesn't mean the hedgehog is a good choice as a pet.

Standing Bear, 70, who runs the largest rescue in North America — the Flash and Thelma Memorial Hedgehog Rescue in Divide, Colorado — said a happy, socialized hedgehog will snuggle, put its quills down and make a chortling sound, like a cat.

On the downside, they need warmth, have high rates of cancer and they can get a neurological disease called Wobbly Hedgehog Syndrome.

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▶ Hedgehog fans say the animals can be good companions.

Office offerings for all

Ace the art of the Secret Santa exchange with these helpful pointers Show your co-workers you truly care

The office intern generally works hard for little pay. Thank them with a thoughtful present.

It's that time of year — you're buying presents for your dearest friends and closest family members. And that one quiet guy at the office.

It's the office Secret Santa and you may find yourself buying for someone whose name you barely remember. To help, staff from Canada's largest bargain hunting site, RedFlagDeals.com, have put together a list of top-notch but affordable gift suggestions:

Boss

Buying presents for your boss can be awkward. We'd suggest choosing a modest, meaningful gift over something overpriced or fancy — you don't want to look like you're currying favour.

Something fun like a framed candid shot of your team at work or gourmet cookies can work for the executive in your life.

Receptionist

If there's one thing a receptionist has enough of, it's office supplies. Skip the cute notepads, novelty paperclips and colourful pens. Treat the secretary to a bottle of high-end hand lotion or a gift certificate to the local salon for a manicure/pedicure combo.

New person

This one is tougher. Keep an eye on what the new person likes to eat or snack on. You can put together a gift basket or, for a more modern approach, keep your eye on the Deal of the Day promotions at RedFlagDeals.com.

Intern

Usually "intern" is a code word for "underpaid." Skip the gag gifts and get your intern a gift card for Amazon.ca or their favourite local store.

Tech Support

The people who fix your computer should be treated well.

You can't very well give piles of money or bars of gold, but a gift certificate to their favourite restaurant would go over nicely.

NEWS CANADA

Season's savings

Don't let the holidays take hold of your wallet
Celebrate the season in style with a few cents-ible tips

Remember to save your ribbons and decorations for next year's festivities.

The holiday season often sparks memories of eggnog, mistletoe and hours spent at the crowded mall.

But for many, the holiday season can be a financial strain, with gifts to still be bought, parties to attend, a house to decorate and even increased travel expenses.

Plan your expenses now so the winter weather is the only unexpected surprise this season.

1. Book travel plans in advance

Traveling during the holidays is expensive and you can often spend twice as much for flights at this time of year.

Book early and save your money and the hassle of trying to find last minute deals.

2. Host a potluck

Holiday parties can be expensive so ask friends and family to chip in by bringing food, drinks and even decor. The cost per person is minimal and everyone will be happy to contribute to the festivities.

3. Reuse decorations

What would the holidays be without lights, tinsel and a little mistletoe? At the end of the year, store all of the decoration in a cool, dry place so you can use them again next year.

4. Create a budget

A recent study by MasterCard Canada reports that one in five Canadians (17 per cent) don't budget for the holidays. Create a budget at the beginning of the year that includes all your expenses – from gift giving to that New Year's Eve outfit.

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Fun and Frugal

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DON'T LET PENSION PLANS PASS YOU BY

Registered Pension Plans (RPPs) are established by employers for employees to help with retirement savings. According to Statistics Canada, less than 40 per cent of paid workers have an employer-sponsored registered pension plan. The remaining 60 per cent either didn't have access to one or simply weren't participating. Some companies have an opt-out clause where the employee can choose whether to contribute to the RPP; other companies have mandatory participation.

If you're fortunate enough to have access to a plan, don't opt out. With most company-sponsored pension plans, the employer kicks in free money or free benefits.

So, if you contribute four per cent of your salary, and your employer matches it 100 per cent, it will add an additional four per cent. Whatever the specific matching program is, it makes sense to maximize your portion of the contributions into the plan for two reasons: you contribute with pre-tax dollars and you get free money from your employer. Don't turn your back on free money!

The most commonly issued plan in Canada is the defined contribution plan. With this plan, the employer pays a predetermined amount of money into your pension, but you get to choose, from a variety of investment options, where it gets allocated. Your employer is not responsible for your pension plan's performance because you pick the contents.

A minority of Canadians enjoy a defined benefit plan. With this plan, you receive a defined or pre-set payout each month once retirement hits.

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Critic a first for ACAD

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Over the years, the Alberta College of Art and Design has had scholars and artists in residence, but never a Critic in Residence.

Nancy Tousley is the first. And, she's there to stir up some conversation.

Tousley, an award-winning art critic, has an interesting year set out before her. In her role as Critic in Residence, she will be responsible for engaging the study body and community with symposiums, seminars and workshops to engage in critical discourse about art.

"I'm here as a resource person," Tousley says. "There are numerous things I am able to talk to the students about. In some ways, it's up to the faculty to use me. I'm here to stir up some conversation about art and hopefully create some kind of critical discourse."

"We are very excited to welcome Nancy to this new role. Having her join us as Critic in Residence is a wonderful opportunity to initiate some very important conversations at ACAD, and with our wider community about the roles of art and art education in the context of our province and our country."
DR. DANIEL DOZ, ACAD

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▶ Nancy Tousley

It's only been a month since her position as Critic in Residence was announced, but she's already engaging with students and participating in the university community. Tousley has talked with fourth-year classes about writing about their own art for their theses.

"I'm really enjoying it," Tousley says. "I quite like having contact with the students, they seem to be a pretty thoughtful and intelligent group."

She'll also be contributing to ACAD's publications, collaborating with the Illingworth Kerr Gallery team on exhibitions, and doing her own research on American artist Robert Rauschenberg.

Tousley's background in art is extensive. She was the art critic for the Calgary Herald for 30 years, and has been a contributing editor at Canadian Art magazine for nearly 25 years. She has won numerous awards for her work, which has appeared in a vast array of art magazines.

JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO CALGARY

▶ University of Calgary public policy graduates and others interested in the field may now expand their horizons with the new Masters program, which begins in September 2011 at the downtown campus. Registration is now open and the school is accepting applicants.

New U of C program to fill civil servant gap

University launches Master of Public Policy program

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The need has never been greater for trained professionals in the world of public policy than now. Private and public sector policy experts are retiring faster than schools can respond, which has created a gap in the field. But the University of Calgary Public Policy school launched a new Masters program two weeks ago to help fill that gap.

This, from Dr. Jack Mintz, president of the University of Calgary Public Policy school, who, with the University president Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, launched the school's brand new Masters program November 25.

"The School of Public Policy has again demonstrated its leadership with this program."
DR. ELIZABETH CANNON

"We're seeing a lot of demographic changes in society today and there'll be a lot of civil servants and those in the private sector, retiring in the coming years," Mintz says. "The need for people who are engaged in public affairs, public relations and government relations, has become very important."

The new Masters of Public Policy (MPP) program was one of the initial priorities of the public policy school. The program is a full year's worth of coursework, including a summer term.

"It's a pretty intensive course," Mintz says. "Our hope in Calgary is that the school itself will be a flagship for the country, that we'll have an impact on debates across the country. A lot of our activities have been focused very much on important national issues."

One of the innovative things in the program will be a hands-on course where students will work on major public policy issues with a government department, corporation or non-governmental organization. They'll still be supervised by an academic, says Mintz.

He expects a small class of about 35 people, ranging from recent graduates to mature students and executives.

The school's creation three years ago was influenced by survey results of employers and students on what type of program they would like to have. "We wanted to do something the market was looking for."

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Scientists 'see' carbon dioxide

U of C researchers publish findings on c02 capture

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Researchers at the University of Calgary have found a way to "see" precisely where C02, or carbon dioxide, is held during carbon capture.

"We did experiments where we saw exactly where the C02 was being held, being captured, and parallel to that, we did some computer modelling and simulation to predict the same thing," says U of C Researcher Simon Iremonger.

"We saw an incredibly good agreement with what our computer model was doing and what we saw experimentally."

Their findings were published in a recent article in the journal Science.

"I think we could use that knowledge and spend a lot less time in the lab because we don't have to do the experiments now," Iremonger says.

Ultimately, the process may have big uses in the future, potentially mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. For now, it will help the scientists design improved materials to capture C02.

"We can capture C02 a little easier, more efficiently, using less energy, which may be cheaper in the end," Iremonger says. "We're really excited by it. It's nice to be working on something that I think is relevant and important to Alberta."

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▶ George Shimizu, a chemistry professor, has made a new discovery in the capture of C02 with his colleagues.

A look at how it works

Researchers were designing C02 absorbent materials, figuring out new ways to capture C02 and keep it out of the atmosphere, with a framework made of metal and organic molecules. The capture material framework that the research team designed is essentially like molecular sponges, porous material that have incredibly large surface areas, Iremonger says.

Through their experiments, they could pinpoint where the C02 molecule was held by experimental visualization, and through computer modelling, they can see exactly where the C02 is held.

The research team, which included Dr. George Shimizu, a chemistry professor at the U of C, researchers Iremonger and Ramanathan Vaidhyanathan from the U of C, Peter G. Boyd, Saman Alavi, Tom K. Woo from the University of Ottawa have been working on this for 18 months.

JESSICA PATTERSON

▶ MRU's paper, The Journal, wins Pacemaker Award.

JOURNAL WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

EDITORS LAUD STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Neither Sean-Paul Boynton nor Nori Sinclair could believe it when they found out that the Calgary Journal had won an international Pacemaker award.

Boynton, who served as editor-in-chief of the Mount Royal University-based Journal in the fall of 2009, found out about the award through an email.

"I had to read it a few times before it sunk in," Boynton said. "I definitely didn't expect it."

Meanwhile, Sinclair learned of the accomplishment from a Facebook post made by current Journal editor-in-chief Catherine Szabo.

"I was pretty excited just to be nominated," said Sinclair, who served as editor-in-chief for the winter 2010 semester. "I didn't really realize how big that was at the time."

Both Boynton and Sinclair commended their team of editors, reporters and photographers — all students in MRU's journalism program.

"To have won that, to be singled out for what we did, it's very gratifying to know that I was part of a team that oversaw the development of journalists," Boynton said.

Sinclair recalled how her staff would stick it out with her right up until deadline to make sure that the monthly paper made it to press on time.

"I always had someone there supporting me and helping me," she said. "It was a huge team effort that's for sure."

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New pitch attracts best

SAIT soccer field drawing rave reviews from all

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Francisco Miron had no qualms about returning to SAIT Polytechnic for another season of men's soccer.

The opening of SAIT's redesigned Cohos Commons soccer pitch proved to be a big selling point in Miron's decision to return to play for the Trojans for a third straight season.

"That's actually one of the reasons I came back," said Miron of the artificial playing surface perched atop SAIT's innovative new underground parking structure. "I wanted to give it a go on the new field."

Miron helped SAIT open the new field in fine fashion by scoring a pair of goals on Sept. 10 as the Trojans downed the Lethbridge College Kodiaks 4-1.

"Surely it must rank up there in the Top 2 or Top 3."
GRANT STEVENS, COACH

"We could have done a little better, but I did enjoy the field a lot," said Miron, whose squad finished the regular season with a 5-3-2 record before losing 1-0 to the Concordia Thunder in semifinal action. "I thought it was a lot better just because the playing surface is equal all around the pitch."

Grant Stevens, who coaches both the men's and women's teams at SAIT, referred to the pitch as the best in the province.

"Surely it must rank up there in the top two or top three in Canada," said Stevens, while calling the view of downtown Calgary from the field "majestic."

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▶ SAIT's new soccer pitch incorporates technology and a view of the city.

Turf gives home field advantage

With its synthetic grass-like surface, the Cohos Commons soccer pitch at SAIT Polytechnic can actually prevent injuries to athletes.

"It's completely different to the natural turf," Stevens said. "The bounce is different. The passing is much more accurate and it reduces the amount of injuries."

According to Michael Dyer, vice president of employee and student services, SAIT Polytechnic places a high value on sport and consultation from the athletics department was sought before constructing the field.

"Not only did we take advantage of the structure that we were building and kept the view great, but we created a unique and a very good soccer pitch for our Trojan teams to use," Dyer said.

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Winter meetings heat up in a hurry

- Blue Jays trade Marcum to Brewers for Canadian prospect
- Gillick heads to Hall of Fame

Adrian Gonzalez, Mark Reynolds and Shaun Marcum switched leagues yesterday as teams started trading at baseball's winter meetings. Cliff Lee's agent showed up, too, but said there was no telling when his prize pitcher might sign.

To Pat Gillick, this was truly the biggest deal of the day, and of his career: The 73-year-old executive whose moves helped build three World Series champions, including Toronto's championship teams in 1992 and 1993, was elected to the Hall of Fame.

Often, it takes a few days at this annual gathering for any real action. This time, it was brisk from the get-go.

"Now that everybody is here in the same facility, the atmosphere is ripe to push through some things," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

The Milwaukee Brewers boosted their rotation, getting right-hander Shaun Marcum from the Toronto Blue Jays for Canadian infield prospect Brett Lawrie.

The Brewers were thrilled to get Marcum, who started for the Blue Jays on opening day last season and went 13-8 with a 3.64 ERA.

The trade certainly carried a Canadian theme — Milwaukee GM Doug Melvin and Toronto counterpart Alex Anthopoulos are both from Canada.

Lawrie lowdown

- Brett Lawrie is a 20-year-old second baseman from Langley, B.C.
- He was Milwaukee's 16th overall pick in the 2008 draft.
- Lawrie hit .285 with eight homers, 36 doubles, 16 triples and 30 stolen bases for double-A Huntsville in 2010.

Though he traded away Lawrie, a member of the 2008 Canadian Olympic team, Melvin kidded he held onto some valuable things from his country.

"I still have my Justin Bieber posters on the wall," Melvin said.

The Boston Red Sox completed their trade for Gonzalez, getting the all-star first baseman from San Diego for minor league pitcher Casey Kelly, first baseman Anthony Rizzo, outfielder Reymond Fuentes and a player to be named.

Baltimore added a big bat — and a bunch of strikeouts — by acquiring Reynolds from Arizona for right-handed relievers David Hernandez and Kam Mickolio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Adrian Gonzalez stands after a press conference to announce his signing with the Boston Red Sox yesterday.

4 sports

Sports in brief

1 The Denver Broncos have fired coach Josh McDaniels.

2 Don Meredith, an original member of ABC's Monday Night Football broadcast team, died Sunday. He was 72. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stampeders re-sign defensive 'cornerstone'

The Calgary Stampeders have re-signed Juwan Simpson, keeping in place the linebacker coach and general manager John Hufnagel described as a "cornerstone" yesterday.

Simpson, a CFL all-star in 2010 and the West Division finalist for the outstanding defensive player honours, established career-highs with 71 tackles, seven sacks, 17 special-teams tackles and one interception.

3 Simpson has been with the Stampeders for three seasons, splitting time the previous two years between the defensive line and linebacker.

The 26-year-old from Decatur, Ala., added four knockdowns, one forced fumble, three fumble recoveries and two tackles for a loss.

"After being utilized at different positions in his first two years with our team, Juwan really solidified himself at middle linebacker this past season and his play became the cornerstone of our defence," Hufnagel said in a statement.

"We look forward to seeing him build on a great 2010 season." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Guerin hangs up his skates

NHL. Longtime NHL forward Bill Guerin, unable to land a contract this season, retired yesterday after a career in which he scored 429 goals in 18 seasons with eight teams.

The Pittsburgh Penguins honoured Guerin before last night's game against New Jersey, his first NHL club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heisman list released

AWARD. Auburn quarterback Cam Newton and Oregon running back LaMichael James will meet up in New York before heading to Arizona for next month's national championship game. Newton and James have been announced as finalists for the Heisman Trophy and will be joined by Stanford's Andrew Luck and Kellen Moore of Boise State for Saturday's announcement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
29	19	8	2	0	91	67	40	9-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	10-0-0-0		W10
d-Washington	29	18	8	1	2	96	79	39	12-2-0-2	6-6-1-0	4-4-0-2	L3
d-Montreal	27	17	8	2	0	71	53	36	10-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Philadelphia	28	17	7	2	2	95	69	38	10-5-0-1	7-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Atlanta	28	15	10	1	2	91	83	33	9-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
NY Rangers	29	16	12	1	0	83	77	33	6-8-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Boston	25	14	8	0	3	72	50	31	5-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Ottawa	28	12	14	1	1	61	81	26	7-7-0-1	5-7-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Buffalo	27	11	13	3	0	68	73	25	5-8-1-0	6-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Toronto	26	10	12	2	2	59	76	24	7-5-2-1	3-7-0-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Florida	25	11	14	0	0	64	66	22	5-5-0-0	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
New Jersey	27	8	17	1	1	50	81	19	4-6-1-1	4-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	25	5	15	3	2	56	86	15	3-6-1-1	2-9-2-1	1-7-1-1	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	25	17	5	2	1	86	67	37	10-2-1-1	7-3-1-0	6-2-2-0	L2
d-Dallas	26	16	8	0	2	76	69	34	10-3-0-1	6-5-0-1	9-1-0-2	L1
d-Vancouver	25	14	8	1	2	80	64	31	8-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Chicago	29	15	12	1	1	90	84	32	7-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Columbus	26	15	10	0	1	70	71	31	7-7-0-1	8-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Phoenix	26	13	7	4	2	74	72	31	5-3-2-2	8-4-2-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	62	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
San Jose	26	13	9	4	0	78	73	30	7-4-2-0	6-5-2-0	4-4-2-0	W1
St. Louis	26	13	9	2	2	67	72	30	8-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Nashville	26	12	8	4	2	65	68	30	5-1-3-2	7-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	L1
Colorado	26	13	10	3	0	91	82	29	7-4-1-0	5-6-2-0	4-4-2-0	L3
Anaheim	29	13	13	2	1	71	87	29	9-6-0-1	4-7-2-0	3-6-1-0	L2
Minnesota	26	11	11	1	3	63	76	26	7-6-0-2	4-5-1-1	3-5-1-1	L5
Edmonton	26	10	12	1	3	70	93	24	4-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W4
Calgary	27	11	14	1	1	74	82	24	6-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 2 New Jersey 1
Toronto 5 Washington 4 (SO)
Atlanta 3 Nashville 2 (OT)
Columbus 3 Dallas 2 (SO)
San Jose 5 Detroit 2
Sunday's results
Ottawa 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Chicago 4 Calgary 2
St. Louis 3 Vancouver 2
Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
Phoenix 3 Anaheim 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

LEAFS 5, CAPITALS 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Washington, Perreault 1 (Poti, Semin) 2:55
2. Toronto, MacArthur 8 (Kulemin) 11:47 (pp)
3. Washington, Knuble 5 (Backstrom, Poti) 14:58 (pp)

Penalties — Bradley Wash (high-sticking) 4:54, Armstrong Tor (high-sticking) 5:50, Backstrom Wash (high-sticking) 9:57, Sjostrom Tor (interference) 12:09, Beauchemin Tor (slashing) 13:54.

Second Period
4. Washington, Perreault 2 (Laich) 6:46
5. Washington, Ovechkin 12 (Poti, Backstrom) 13:50

Penalties — Orr Tor, King Wash (fighting) 12:25, Semin Wash (tripping) 14:06.

Third Period
6. Toronto, Grabovski 6 (Kaberle, Kulemin) 4:16
7. Toronto, Brent 3 (Kaberle, Kadri) 17:37
8. Toronto, MacArthur 9 (Grabovski, Kessel) 18:36

Penalty — Green Wash (delay of game) 10:56.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout — Toronto wins 1-0
Toronto (1) — Kadri, miss; Grabovski, goal; Kessel, miss.
Washington (0) — Ovechkin, miss; Perreault, miss; Semin, miss.

Shots

Toronto	7	11	8	2—28
Washington	12	9	12	3—36

Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (W,4-7-2); Washington: Neuvirth (L,12-4-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 1-4; Washington: 1-3.
Att. — 18,398 (18,398) at Washington.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	24	24	48
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	12	23	35
St. Louis, TB	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Backstrom, Wash	11	21	32
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	17	31
B.Richards, Dal	12	19	31
Hejduk, Col	10	20	30
H.Sedin, Vcr	3	27	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
Byfuglien, Atl	10	19	29
Datsyuk, Det	8	21	29
Heatley, SJ	13	15	28
Perry, Ana	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
Ladd, Atl	10	18	28
M.Richards, Pha	10	18	28
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Getzlaf, Ana	8	19	27
Roy, Buf	9	17	26
Havlat, Minn	7	19	26
Letang, Pgh	5	21	26
Giroux, Pha	13	12	25
C.Stewart, Col	11	14	25
Eriksson, Dal	10	15	25
J.Williams, LA	10	15	25
Plekanec, Mtl	9	16	25
Zetterberg, Det	9	16	25
J.Thornton, SJ	7	18	25
Toews, Chi	12	12	24
Kopitar, LA	10	14	24
Neal, Dal	10	14	24
Duchene, Col	8	16	24
Selanne, Ana	8	16	24
Liles, Col	4	20	24
Ryan, Ana	13	10	23
Dubinsky, NYR	12	11	23
Iginla, Cal	11	12	23
P.Stastny, Col	10	13	23
Tanguay, Cal	8	15	23
Ribeiro, Dal	4	19	23
J.Carter, Pha	12	10	22
Lucic, Bos	12	10	22
Marleau, SJ	11	11	22
Malkin, Pgh	8	14	22

GOLF

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Final Round

Billy Mayfair, $50,000	69p-69c-68p-68c-67p-70c-411
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Cameron Tringale, $30,000	69p-67c-69p-69c-71p-68c-413
Jarrod Lyle, $27,500	70c-68p-71p-67c-70p-68c-414
Michael Putnam, $25,000	71p-73c-69p-66c-67p-69c-415
Brandt Jobe, $25,000	72p-65c-71p-69c-69p-69c-415
Zack Miller, $25,000	70p-68c-67p-68c-71p-71c-415
Kyle Stanley, $25,000	65c-70p-69p-75c-69p-68c-416
Paul Stankowski, $25,000	69c-72p-66p-68c-72p-69c-416
Chris Baryla, $25,000	**72p-61c-73p-71c-74p-66c-417**
Scott Stallings, $25,000	71c-71p-67p-65c-72p-71c-417
Nate Smith, $25,000	73c-69p-66p-67c-70p-72c-417
Gary Woodland, $25,000	71c-68p-69p-71c-67p-71c-417
Bio Kim, $25,000	70p-70c-66p-68c-68p-75c-417
Joseph Bramlett, $25,000	67c-73p-69p-69c-72p-68c-418
Michael Thompson, $25,000	73p-72c-69c-65p-69p-70c-418
Kent Jones, $25,000	70c-68p-71p-68c-70p-71c-418
Matt McQuillan, $25,000	**70p-67c-72p-72c-66p-71c-418**
Sunghoon Kang, $25,000	68c-67p-71p-71c-70p-71c-418
James Driscoll, $25,000	68p-68c-69p-66c-75p-72c-418
Andres Gonzales, $25,000	70c-71p-68p-71c-71p-68c-419
Alexandre Rocha, $25,000	72p-73c-70p-68c-68p-68c-419
Jim Renner, $25,000	72p-68c-73p-69c-67p-70c-419
Justin Hicks, $25,000	72p-71c-70p-65c-70p-71c-419
Richard S. Johnson, $25,000	72p-71c-68p-70c-68p-70c-419
Scott Gordon, $25,000	70p-70c-67p-71c-71p-71c-420
Billy Horschel, $25,000	70p-72c-66p-68c-70p-74c-420
Will Strickler, $25,000	72p-69c-67p-68c-68p-76c-420
Tommy Biershenk, $5,000	71c-70p-71p-68c-71p-70c-421
J.J. Killeen, $5,000	71c-68p-70p-69c-73p-70c-421
Richard Lee, $5,000	73c-68p-67p-69c-72p-72c-421
Joe Affrunti, $5,000	74p-70c-66p-70c-68p-73c-421
Jeff Quinney, $5,000	74c-65p-69p-69c-70p-74c-421
Camilo Benedetti, $5,000	73p-73c-71c-64p-66p-74c-421
Gavin Coles, $5,000	69p-72c-71p-67c-72p-71c-422
Mathew Goggin, $5,000	73p-74c-65c-71p-68p-71c-422
Luke Hickmott, $5,000	72p-69c-66p-71c-71p-73c-422
Ryan Armour, $5,000	71c-72p-70p-69c-66p-74c-422
Seung Ho Lee, $5,000	69c-67p-71p-73c-73p-69c-422
Nicholas Thompson, $5,000	72p-71c-71p-68c-69p-72c-423
Charles Warren, $5,000	70p-67c-70p-70c-74p-72c-423
Will MacKenzie, $5,000	72p-73c-70c-66p-71p-71c-423
Stephen Gangluff, $5,000	70p-77c-67c-68p-70p-71c-423
Michael Letzig, $5,000	73c-71p-69p-72c-67p-71c-423
Jason Gore, $5,000	70c-72p-72p-68c-72p-69c-423
David Branshaw, $5,000	71c-72p-69p-71c-71p-69c-423
James Hahn, $5,000	70p-75c-74c-69p-67c-68p-423
Jon Mills, $5,000	**75p-71c-71c-70p-67c-69p-423**
Josh Geary, $5,000	69c-67p-72p-70c-72p-74c-424
Carlos Franco, $5,000	70p-66c-71p-74c-68p-75c-424
Dustin Garza, $5,000	73c-70p-70p-68c-72p-71c-424
Sang-moon Bae, $5,000	76p-70c-66c-70p-71p-71c-424
Briny Baird, $5,000	79c-66p-69c-68p-71p-71c-424
Aaron Watkins, $5,000	73c-72p-67c-70p-71p-71c-424
James Nitties, $5,000	72p-75c-69c-68p-69p-71c-424
Brian Smock, $5,000	74p-71c-69c-68p-72p-70c-424
Jake Younan-Wise, $5,000	72c-72p-71p-73c-65c-71p-424
Danny Wax, $5,000	69c-70p-69p-72c-71p-74c-425
Cameron Percy, $5,000	74c-75p-68c-67p-69p-72c-425
David Lingmerth, $5,000	72p-69c-69p-70c-75p-70c-425
John Merrick, $5,000	71p-75c-72c-66p-71p-70c-425
Elliot Gealy, $5,000	69c-74p-75p-72c-65c-70p-425
Shawn Jasper, $5,000	70p-72c-72p-69c-67p-76c-426
Danny Lee, $5,000	74c-72p-69c-65p-72p-74c-426
Skip Kendall, $5,000	76c-74p-69c-70p-69c-68p-426
Jim Herman, $5,000	70p-74c-68p-69c-73p-72c-426
Martin Flores, $5,000	76p-73c-71c-70p-67c-69p-426
Scott McCarron, $5,000	72p-74c-72c-70p-69c-69p-426
Tim Wilkinson, $5,000	72c-72p-71p-68c-72p-71c-426
Jason Schultz, $5,000	73p-74c-68c-71p-70c-70p-426
Brett Waldman, $5,000	68p-72c-71p-72c-75p-68c-426
Greg Owen, $5,000	76c-69p-70c-71p-68c-72p-426
James Sacheck, $5,000	75c-71p-73c-71p-70c-67p-427
Tyrone Van Aswegen, $5,000	72c-70p-73p-68c-69p-75c-427
Johnson Wagner, $5,000	72p-75c-71c-74p-66c-69p-427
Blake Parks, $5,000	73p-74c-70c-70p-70c-70p-427
Todd Bailey, $5,000	71c-69p-72p-70c-72p-73c-427
Rahil Gangjee, $5,000	71c-71p-74p-67c-71p-73c-427
Adam Blyth, $5,000	71c-71p-73p-69c-71p-72c-427
Travis Hampshire, $5,000	74c-72p-74c-71p-65c-71p-427
Stephen Dartnall, $5,000	70c-74p-70p-69c-73p-71c-427
Matthew Giles, $5,000	71c-74p-69p-70c-72p-71c-427
Richard T. Lee, $5,000	**71p-71c-74p-72c-67c-72p-427**
Brock Mackenzie	73p-74c-74c-68p-69c-70p-428
Dicky Pride	69c-73p-70p-74c-71c-71p-428
Casey Crain	73c-73p-69c-71p-71c-71p-428
Also	
Matthew Richardson	**74c-69p-73p-69c-72p-72c-429**
Ted Brown	**71c-78p-70c-72p-70c-74p-435**
David McKenzie	**75c-74p-71c-71p-72c-77p-440**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	16	4	.800	—
d-Orlando	15	6	.714	11/2
Atlanta	14	8	.636	3
Miami	14	8	.636	3
New York	13	9	.591	4
d-Chicago	11	8	.579	41/2
Indiana	10	9	.526	51/2
Toronto	8	13	.381	81/2
Charlotte	7	13	.350	9
Cleveland	7	13	.350	9
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	9
Detroit	7	14	.333	91/2
Washington	6	13	.316	91/2
Philadelphia	6	14	.300	10
New Jersey	6	15	.286	101/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	17	3	.850	—
Dallas	16	4	.800	1
d-Utah	16	6	.727	2
d-L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	3
Denver	13	6	.684	31/2
New Orleans	13	7	.650	4
Oklahoma City	14	8	.636	4
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Portland	9	11	.450	8
Golden State	8	12	.400	9
Memphis	8	14	.364	10
Houston	7	13	.350	10
Minnesota	5	16	.238	121/2
Sacramento	4	14	.222	12
L.A. Clippers	4	17	.190	133/4

d-division leader

Last night's results
Indiana 124 Toronto 100
Atlanta 80 Orlando 74
New York 121 Minnesota 114
Oklahoma City at Chicago
Miami 88 Milwaukee 78
Utah 94 Memphis 85
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers
Sunday's results
Boston 100 New Jersey 75
New York 116 Toronto 99
Detroit 102 Cleveland 92
Oklahoma City 114 Golden State 109
San Antonio 109 New Orleans 84
Denver 108 Memphis 107
Phoenix 125 Washington 108
Portland 100 L.A. Clippers 91
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

PACERS 124, RAPTORS 100

TORONTO (100)
Weems 3-10 2-2 8, Johnson 7-13 1-3 15, Bargnani 5-11 2-3 12, Calderon 8-12 3-4 21, DeRozan 3-9 1-2 7, Davis 3-8 0-0 6, Barbosa 5-14 0-0 12, Bayless 2-10 0-0 5, Kleiza 5-12 1-1 12, Wright 1-1 0-0 2, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-100 10-15 100.

INDIANA (124)
Granger 9-16 1-2 21, McRoberts 4-11 3-4 12, Hibbert 6-9 1-1 13, Collison 6-7 5-5 17, Dunleavy 5-7 0-0 11, Rush 10-18 0-0 26, Posey 4-8 0-0 11, Ford 1-3 2-2 4, S.Jones 2-5 1-2 5, Hansbrough 0-0 4-4 4, D.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Price 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 47-85 17-20 124.

Toronto	18	26	23	33	100
Indiana	31	37	21	35	124

3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-18 (Calderon 2-2, Barbosa 2-5, Bayless 1-3, Kleiza 1-4, Bargnani 0-4), Indiana 13-26 (Rush 6-8, Posey 3-7, Granger 2-5, Dunleavy 1-1, McRoberts 1-4, Ford 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 53 (Johnson 9), Indiana 51 (Granger 9). Assists—Toronto 16 (Calderon 4), Indiana 33 (Hibbert, McRoberts, Ford 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 23, Indiana 15. A—11,930 (18,165) at Indianapolis.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired 3B Mark Reynolds and a player to be named or cash from the Arizona for RHP David Hernandez and RHP Kam Mickolio.
BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired 1B Adrian Gonzalez from San Diego for OF Reymond Fuentes, RHP Casey Kelly, 1B Anthony Rizzo and a player to be named.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired 2B Brett Lawrie from Milwaukee for RHP Shaun Marcum.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Melvin Mora on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Mark Riggins pitching coach.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Russ Adams and C Dusty Ryan on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Harang on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Los Angeles Clippers F Brian Cook two games for his Flagrant Foul, Penalty Two against Portland C Joel Przybilla and Portland G Andre Miller for one game for making excessive and unnecessary contact with Los Angeles F Blake Griffin during a Dec. 5 game.

FOOTBALL

NFL

DENVER BRONCOS—Fired coach Josh McDaniels.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed CB Aqib Talib and C Jeff Faine on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Jeremy Morin to Rockford (AHL).
DALLAS STARS—Recalled LW Francis Wathier from the Texas (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Sent D Dylan Reese to Bridgeport (AHL).
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—F Bill Guerin announced his retirement.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled C Mathieu Perreault from Hershey (AHL).

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Oklahoma City D Jordan Bendfeld for one game as a result of his actions in a Dec. 3 game at Manitoba.
PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Announced F Jordan Caron was assigned to the team by Boston (NHL).

LACROSSE

NLL

EDMONTON RUSH—Signed D Bill Greer to a one-year contract.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Liverpool 3 Aston Villa 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's result
Deportivo La Coruna 1 Hercules 0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	317	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	263	235

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

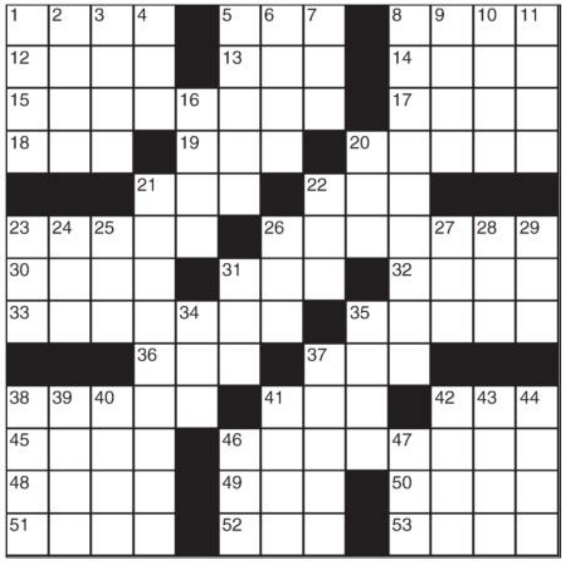
WEEK 13

Last night's result
New England 45 N.Y. Jets 3
Sunday's results
Atlanta 28 Tampa Bay 24
Chicago 24 Detroit 20
Cleveland 13 Miami 10
Dallas 38 Indianapolis 35 (OT)
Green Bay 34 San Francisco 16
Jacksonville 17 Tennessee 6
Kansas City 10 Denver 6
Minnesota 38 Buffalo 14
New Orleans 34 Cincinnati 30
N.Y. Giants 31 Washington 7
Oakland 28 San Diego 13
Seattle 31 Carolina 14
St. Louis 19 Arizona 6
Pittsburgh 13 Baltimore 10
Thursday's result
Philadelphia 34 Houston 24

WEEK 14

Thursday's game
(All times Eastern)
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 12
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13
Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Crossword



Across
1 Actress Turner
5 Possessed
8 Heart of the matter
12 Chopping tools
13 Have a debt
14 Poi base
15 A Great Lake
17 Quite some time
18 Request
19 Comic Romano
20 Penniless
21 Martini ingredient
22 Belushi of "The Defenders"
23 Book of maps
26 Least inclined to do anything
30 Slay
31 Howl at the moon
32 Profit
33 Los Angeles team
35 Intimidate
36 Meadow
37 Coop occupant
38 Raise trivial objections
41 Gullet
42 Chaps
45 Sandwich cookie
46 Olympian cupbearer
48 Property claim
49 Conclusion
50 One
51 Reveille's opposite
52 Myrna of Hollywood
53 Courage

Down
1 Tibetan monk
2 Line of symmetry
3 Head-shoulders connector
4 Blond shade
5 Paul who played Crocodile Dundee
6 Vacationing
7 Hideaway
8 Variety of grouse
9 "Othello" villain
10 "Star —"
11 Gardening aid
16 Rainbow
20 Occupation, for short
21 Masses of nerve tissue
22 Big name in late-night TV
23 Toss in
24 As well
25 Cover
26 Part of UNLV
27 Water (Fr.)
28 Sermon subject
29 Potent stick
31 Bikini top
34 Moray, for one
35 Like a lawn at dawn
37 Convenient
38 Future stallion
39 Met melody
40 Joe Biden, e.g.
41 Hand (Sp.)
42 Options list
43 Fix a manuscript
44 Trawler equipment
46 Solidify
47 Beer container

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

8	7			9		6		4
		1						2
6					5		3	
		9	7		3			
1				8				5
			1		6	2		
	9		4					3
7						5		
4		2		6			7	1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	8	5	9	1	4	6	2	7
4	1	7	2	6	8	5	9	3
6	2	9	3	5	7	8	1	4
9	6	3	4	2	5	1	7	8
8	4	1	6	7	3	9	5	2
5	7	2	8	9	1	4	3	6
1	5	4	7	8	2	3	6	9
7	3	6	5	4	9	2	8	1
2	9	8	1	3	6	7	4	5

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Dear AW, I just wanted to tell the whole city about how incredible you are and how my heart will always be yours. From your stranger, **MT**

Sarah! these last few weeks have been the best of my life! i couldnt be any more in love!!! i miss you soo much, im the LUCKIEST guy alive! i cant wait to see you and hold you in my arms again <333 **LOVE JUSTIN :)**

A look at the weather

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Min -7° Max -1°	Min -5° Max 3°	Min -10° Max -4°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 One of the best times for your career begins today and you must make the most of it. Get rid of the idea that you are somehow not good enough to compete with the best.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's not true that you think only of yourself and you will get the chance to prove it today. You are at your best when fighting on the side of truth and justice, so follow your conscience.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may resent having to pay for something that you feel you should get for free but what choice do you have? Sometimes in life you have to give some to get some and it would appear this is one of those occasions.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Capricorn will bring disputes to the boil over the next few days but that's good because you have been avoiding them for too long.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 It is one thing to have a dream but quite another to turn that dream into reality, so start thinking now about how you can make your life more secure and enjoyable.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 One of the best times of the year begins for you as Mars moves into the most dynamic area of the sky. It does not matter how many things went wrong in the past, it will all start going right again very soon.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Keep what you say short and sweet because others will lose interest quickly if you spin things out too long. Also, make sure you back up your words with actions.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are thinking too much about a problem that will most likely resolve itself if you just leave it alone. If you really are so concerned get a friend to sort it out for you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have come a long way in recent weeks and you will go a lot further over the next few days. But are you making what you have discovered, about yourself and about the world, pay financially?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Energy planet Mars moves into your sign today and it won't be long before you feel the difference physically, emotionally and intellectually. Put the past behind you and focus on your bright new future.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 No matter what happens over the next few days you must keep reminding yourself that you are not a victim, that you alone control your destiny.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 For too long now you have been worrying about your reputation and about how other people perceive you. Now at last you can do something about it. And you don't have to do it alone. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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PRIVILEGES

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Jan. 8 - 29 • 1 wk.

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2nd passenger $600 +Taxes & other fees: $105

Barceló Puerto Vallarta • 4 ★
All-Inclusive • Junior suite deluxe
Jan. 8 - 29 • 1 wk.

1st passenger $1259 +Taxes & other fees: $105
2nd passenger $629 +Taxes & other fees: $105

JAMAICA

Gran Bahia Principe Jamaica • 4 1/2 ★
All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 3 & 10 • 1 wk.

PRIVILEGES

1st passenger $1729 +Taxes & other fees: $99
2nd passenger $865 +Taxes & other fees: $99

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Jan. 8, 15 & 22 • 1 wk.

1st passenger $1269 +Taxes & other fees: $206
2nd passenger $715 +Taxes & other fees: $206

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Punta Cana

Occidental Grand Punta Cana • 4 ★
All-Inclusive • Junior suite • Jan. 4 - 25 • 1 wk.

1st passenger $1519 +Taxes & other fees: $152
2nd passenger $759 +Taxes & other fees: $152

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All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 4 - 25 • 1 wk.

PRIVILEGES

1st passenger $1689 +Taxes & other fees: $152
2nd passenger $839 +Taxes & other fees: $152

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2nd passenger $929 +Taxes & other fees: $152

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Varadero

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All-Inclusive • Standard rm.
Jan. 8 & 15 • 1 wk.

PRIVILEGES

1st passenger $1099 +Taxes & other fees: $155
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